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SUBJ: U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN LABOR

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1. EMBASSY WISHES TO ESTABLISH LIMITED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH WOULD ENABLE MORE SRI LANKANS TO PARTICIPATE IN BLS/USDOL SEMINARS DESIGNED FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF LDC'S.
2. PER REPAIR, LABOR OFFICER HAS INFORMALLY RESEARCHED QUESTION OF MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTIFICATION OF SKILLS AND PERSONNEL NEEDS FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANS. ALSO HAS HELD INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING IMPRESSIONS AND TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF MINISTRIES CONCERNED, TRADE UNION LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. FOLLOWING THIS, TOPIC DISCUSSED WITH KNOWLEDGE-ABLE, CONCERNED PERSONS OF ACADEMIA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL.
3. LABOR OFFICER FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT DRASTIC VOID OF TRAINED PERSONNEL AT SECONDARY LEVEL (I.E. DEPUTY SECRETARY) AND BELOW IN MINISTRIES, AND IN THE FIELD OF MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND ALLOCATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES IN GENERAL JUSTIFIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- IMPLEMENTATION OF MODEST TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE LEVEL CAREER EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (GSL) AND MINISTRIES LABOR, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.
4. EMBASSY PROPOSES BEGINNING PROGRAM WITH ALLOTMENT OF O/LAB FUNDS TO SPONSORSHIP BY EMBASSY OF SIX TO TEN PARTICIPANTS YEARLY AT U.S. AND ASIA REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS DESIGNED

FOR LDC PARTICIPANTS SUCH AS BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS MAY 8
PROGRAM. LABOR OFFICER DYELS WISHES TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS AND
PRESENT MORE FORMAL REQUEST DURING NEW DELHI LABOR ATTACHE
CONFERENCE MAY 13-17. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT
ILAB AND O/LAB REPRESENTATIVES OF EMBASSY INTEREST IN THIS
AREA AND TO REQUEST THAT THEY FOCUS ON QUESTION PRIOR TO
ARRIVAL IN NEW DELHI, WHEN DYELS HOPES TO PROCEED WITH FIRM
PLANS.
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